

SEC. 28. The invalidity of any part of this Act shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part capable of having practical operation and effect without the invalid part.

Invalidity of any part not to affect remainder of Act.

SEC. 29. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 461.—An Act To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across Pearl River at approximately one and one-half miles north of Georgetown, in the State of Mississippi.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 9825.]
[Public, No. 579.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved January 31, 1923, to be built by the Great Southern Lumber Company across the Pearl River at approximately one and one-half miles north of Georgetown, in the State of Mississippi, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Pearl River.
Time extended for bridging near Georgetown, Miss.
Vol. 42, p. 1220, amended.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 462.—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1925
[H. R. 10020.]
[Public, No. 580.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, namely:

Interior Department appropriations.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary's Office.

SALARIES

Secretary of the Interior, \$12,000; First Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with "The Classification Act of 1923," \$302,835; in all, \$314,835: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with "The Classification Act of 1923," the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by "The

Secretary, Assistants, and office personnel.

Proviso.
Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act.
Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one position in a grade.

Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.

No fixed salary reduced.

Vol. 44, p. 1490.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Payment under higher rates permitted.